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1. EMBASSY HAS APPROACHED GOP THREE TIMES IN PAST TWO MONTHS OVER QUESTION OF PRG AND SIHANOUK'S GRUNK REPRESENTATION IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (ISLAMABAD 1591, 1788 AND 2509) AND EMBOFFS HAVE ALSO RAISED ISSUE IN INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS WITH INDIVIDUAL GOP OFFICIALS. THESE MOST RECENT APPROACHES HAVE CONFIRMED OUR EARLIER REPORTING THAT GOP POSITION ON PRG AND GRUNK REPRESENTATION ISSUES IS FIRM.

2. WITH REGARD GRUNK, PAKS RECOGNIZE IT AS SOLE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF CAMBODIA AND WILL SUPPORT ITS APPLICATIONS FOR REPRESENTATION IN INTERNATIONAL BODIES. PAKS DO NOT RECOGNIZE PRG AND WILL NEITHER SUPPORT NOR OPPOSE ITS ENTRY INTO INTERNATIONAL BODIES; POSITION INSTEAD IS TO ABSTAIN ON QUESTION.

3. PAK POSITION ON GRUNK AND PRG BASED LESS ON MERITS OF CASE THAN ON PRACTICAL POLITICS. AS CLOSE FRIEND AND SUPPORTER OF CHINA (AND RECIPIENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CONFIDENTIAL

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CHINESE MILITARY AID), PAKISTAN IS AT PAINS NOT TO TAKE

FOREIGN POLICY STANCE IN OPPOSITION TO CHINA. AT SAME TIME, GOP IS INTERESTED IN MAINTAINING GOOD RELATIONS WITH US AND PREFERS NOT OPPOSE US WHEN POSSIBLE. WHEN US AND CHINESE POSITIONS HAVE CONFLICTED, AS IN PRG AND GRUNK ISSUES, PAKS HAVE TRIED TO AVOID TAKING A STANCE BUT WHEN PRESSED (AS THEY APPARENTLY WERE IN MATTER OF RECOGNIZING GRUNK) HAVE CUSTOMARILY SIDED WITH CHINA. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE SEE NO PROSPECT OF PERSUADING TOP TO CHANGE PRESENT POLICY OF SUPPORTING GRUNK BUT ABSTAINING ON PRG.

4. WE BELIEVE FURTHER FORMAL APPROACH TO GOP AT THIS TIME WOULD BE FRUITLESS AND POSSIBLY COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. WE WILL, HOWEVER, SEEK OPPORTUNITIES TO RAISE GRUNK AND PRG ISSUES INFORMALLY WITH GOP OFFICIALS WHENEVER APPROPRIATE, TO REMIND THEM OF OUR UNHAPPINESS WITH THEIR STANCE. WE HAVE NO ILLUSIONS THAT THIS WILL PRODUCE SHIFT TOWARD MORE FAVORABLE STANCE, BUT IT MAY DISSUADE GOP FROM DRIFTING TOWARD EVEN LESS FAVORABLE POSITION.
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